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INCOME FROM AGRA MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the ticketed/non- ticketed protected monuments at Agra;

(b) the amount received by the Archaeological Survey of India from the ticketed monuments within its Agra circle during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the amount spent by the ASI on conservation of the aforesaid monuments during the above period;

(d) the present status of each monument regarding conservation, signages, parking facility, garden maintenance, drinking water facility including sound and light programme; and

(e) the reasons for discontinuance of the sound and light progrmame at the Agra Fort?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) There are 266 protected monuments/ sites in the Agra Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) of which 8 are ticketed.

(b) The year-wise revenue collected at the Agra monuments are given below:

Year	Amount (Rupees in lakhs)
2006-07	2672.49
2007-08	2421.17
2008-09	2983.57
2009-10 (upto Oct.09)	1424.80

(c) The expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and maintenance of the protected ticketed monuments during the last 3 years and current year is as under:

Year	Amount (Rupees in lakhs)
2006-07	455.01
2007-08	423.24
2008-09	350.25
2009-10 (upto Oct.09)	174.43

(d) All the monuments are in good state of preservation. The conservation and preservation works on the monuments are taken up depending upon the requirements and availability of resources. All the ticketed monuments as well as some other important monuments of Agra Circle have been provided with basic visitors' facilities viz. Drinking Water, Toilets, Signages, Parking, Garden.

(e) The Sound and Light show at Agra Fort was installed and operated by Agra Development Authority (ADA) who discontinued it in the year 2003 for upgrading the show. ASI has not received any fresh proposal from ADA to re-start the show.